

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A protector for a portable wireless communication device that has a housing, a display, and a keypad and contains at least one signal processing circuit, said protector comprising:

a transparent cover pivotally attached to the housing by at least two hinges such that said cover is pivotable from a first position wherein it covers the keypad to another position wherein the keypad is exposed and the cover is folded around a back portion of the portable wireless communication device and further acts as a stand for propping up the portable wireless communication device at an angle on a surface, and wherein the housing includes a scrolling means proximate to the keypad, wherein the scrolling means is not covered when the cover is in the first position thereby enabling a user to use the scrolling means to perform a scrolling operation viewable on the display through the cover when the cover is in the first position; and

a planar antenna attached to the exterior of both the cover and the housing where the planar antenna is capacitively coupled to the signal processing circuit such that the planar antenna is electromagnetically coupled to the signal processing circuit without being physically coupled to the signal processing circuit.

2. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover is pivotally attached to the housing by adhesive tape.

3. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna is laminated to said cover.

4. (Original) The protector of claim 3 wherein said antenna is fabricated from a metal tape.

5. (Original) The protector of claim 4 wherein said antenna is fabricated from aluminum tape.

6. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna comprises conductive particulate material attached to said cover.

7. (Original) The protector of claim 6 wherein said conductive particulate material is embedded in said cover.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The protector of claim 1 further comprising an overlay layer covering at least a portion of said antenna.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna is embedded in said cover.

13. (Original) The protector of claim 12 wherein said antenna comprises a metallic screen.

14. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover comprises:

- a first cover portion;
- a second cover portion; and
- a flexible joint interconnecting the first cover portion with the second cover portion.

15. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein the housing has a first color and said cover has said first color.

16. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover has indicia provided thereon.

17. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover only covers a portion of said keypad when said cover is in said first position.

18. (Original) The protector of claim 1 further comprising a biaser between said cover and a portion of the housing.

19-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting at least a portion ~~of a portion~~ of a keypad supported in the housing of a portable wireless communication device, the housing comprising a display, said method comprising:

demountably securing by hand a transparent cover to the housing with at least two hinges such that the cover may be selectively pivoted from a first position wherein at least a portion of the keypad is covered to another position wherein the at least a portion of the keypad is exposed and the cover is folded around a back portion of the portable wireless communication device and acts as a stand for propping up the portable wireless communication device at an angle on a surface, and wherein the housing further includes a scrolling means proximate to the keypad, wherein the scrolling means is not covered when the cover is in the first position thereby enabling a user to use the scrolling means to perform a scrolling operation viewable on the display through the cover when the cover is in the first position, wherein the portable wireless communication device has signal-transmitting circuitry and signal-receiving circuitry therein and wherein said method comprises enhancing an ability of the signal-receiving circuitry to receive signals and enhancing an ability of the signal transmitting circuitry to transmit signals wherein said enhancing comprises capacitively coupling an antenna to the signal-receiving circuitry and said signal-transmitting circuitry such that the antenna is electromagnetically coupled to the signal-receiving circuitry and the signal-transmitting circuitry without being physically coupled to the signal-receiving circuitry and signal transmitting circuitry.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein said antenna is coupled to the cover and to the housing.